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Customer Number **22852**
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tohru KIMURA et al.) Confirmation No. 1552
Application No.: 09/976,077) Group Art Unit: 2873
Filed: October 15, 2001) Examiner: Timothy J. Thompson
For: OBJECTIVE LENS, COUPLING)
LENS, LIGHT CONVERGING)
OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND)
OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2004, the three-month period for reply extending to August 11, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 75 of this paper.